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McCone Is Reported In Line for CIA Post

Newport R. I., Sept. 26 (AP) — President Kennedy tonight was reportedly on the verge of naming a successor to Allen Dulles as head of the Central Intelligence Agency. A Republican, John A. McCone, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, was mentioned as a replacement.

It was understood that the job had been discussed with McCone, but that a final decision had not been reached late tonight.

White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said in answer to questions after Mr. Kennedy arrived here for a week's vacation that he (Salinger) would not rule out the possibility of a significant visit to Mr. Kennedy Wednesday on government business. There was speculation that a CIA appointment is imminent and the successor to Dulles may be introduced by Mr. Kennedy at Newport Wednesday or later in the week.

Dulles said last year, after Mr. Kennedy asked him to remain on the job, that he planned to retire by the end of 1961.

The CIA came under fire after the ill-fated Cuban invasion earlier this year, but Mr. Kennedy never singled out Dulles for any blame.

McCone, 59, headed the AEC from 1958 to January,